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NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with C.F.R. §1.27(g)(2), Assignee hereby notifies the patent office that the above-noted patent application is no longer entitled to SMALL ENTITY STATUS. Therefore, Assignee, by the undersigned attorney, hereby requests the above-identified patent application be withdrawn from SMALL ENTITY STATUS. Please charge any fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 132546, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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